

(Five trillion, three hundred seventy-four billion, seven hundred seventy-seven million).

Five years ago, March 25, 1993, the federal debt stood at \$4,222,072,000,000 (Four trillion, two hundred twenty-two billion, seventy-two million).

Ten years ago, March 25, 1988, the federal debt stood at \$2,480,270,000,000 (Two trillion, four hundred eighty billion, two hundred seventy million).

Fifteen years ago, March 25, 1983, the federal debt stood at \$1,223,791,000,000 (One trillion, two hundred twenty-three billion, seven hundred ninety-one million) which reflects a debt increase of more than \$4 trillion—\$4,320,546,068,114.14 (Four trillion, three hundred twenty billion, five hundred forty-six million, sixty-eight thousand, one hundred fourteen dollars and fourteen cents) during the past 15 years.

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Williams, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 3:56 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Goetz, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, with amendments, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

S. 1178. An act to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to extend the visa waiver pilot program, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2589. An act to amend the provisions of title 17, United States Code, with respect to the duration of copyright, and for other purposes.

At 5:05 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House agrees to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1757) to consolidate international affairs agencies, to authorize appropriations for the Department of State and related agencies for fiscal years 1998 and 1999, and to ensure that the enlargement of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) proceeds in a manner consistent with United States interests, to strengthen relations between the United States

and Russia, to preserve the prerogatives of the Congress with respect to certain arms control agreements, and for other purposes.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and second times by unanimous consent and referred as indicated:

H.R. 2589. An act to amend the provisions of title 17, United States Code, with respect to the duration of copyright, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on March 26, 1998 he had presented to the President of the United States, the following enrolled bill:

S. 758. An act to make certain technical corrections to the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-4424. A communication from the Chairman of the Long-Range Air Power Panel, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of recommendations; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4425. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulations Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule received on March 24, 1998; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-4426. A communication from the Secretary of Labor and the Executive Director of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report for the fiscal year 1997; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-4427. A communication from the Chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report under the Government in the Sunshine Act for calendar year 1997; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-4428. A communication from the Chairman of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report under the Government in the Sunshine Act for calendar year 1997; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-4429. A communication from the Chairman of the Federal Maritime Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report under the Government in the Sunshine Act for calendar year 1997; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-4430. A communication from the Acting Chairman of the Thrift Depositor Protection Oversight Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report under the Freedom of Information Act for calendar year 1997; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-4431. A communication from the Executive Director of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report under the Freedom of Information Act for calendar year 1997; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-4432. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Department of the

Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule received on March 24, 1998; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4433. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule received on March 24, 1998; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4434. A communication from the Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule received on March 24, 1998; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4435. A communication from the Manager of the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule received on March 25, 1998; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4436. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), transmitting, pursuant to law, the report relative to the Wabash River project in New Harmony, Indiana; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4437. A communication from the Deputy Director for Policy and Programs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report relative to notice of funds availability and technical assistance component; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4438. A communication from the Deputy Director for Policy and Programs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report relative to notice of funds availability and the Core Component; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4439. A communication from the Assistant to the Board, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule received on March 24, 1998; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4440. A communication from the Secretary of the Security and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report relative to use of web sites in securities transactions; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4441. A communication from the President of the Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report relative to exports to Uzbekistan; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4442. A communication from the President of the Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report relative to exports to the People's Republic of China; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-368. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the Legislature of the State of Arizona; ordered to lie on the table.

SENATE MEMORIAL 1001

Whereas, Ronald Wilson Reagan, the fortieth president of the United States, was one of this nation's greatest and most beloved presidents and a true world leader; and

Whereas, through his leadership and dedication to principle, President Reagan ushered in a new era of sustained peace, prosperity, optimism and freedom for both our nation and much of the world; and

Whereas, President Reagan established fiscal policies that invigorated the American economy, stimulating growth, employment and investment while curbing federal spending, inflation and interest and tax rates; and